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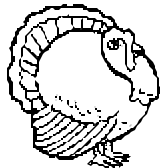
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand was very light. Limited trading taking place. Trucking problems the norm for a major holiday. Offering more than ample for current demand. Bulk parts and meats demand for domestic usage seasonally slow and most buyers very selective.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to instances moderate. Some premiums paid on frozen thigh meat for shipments in January going to Russia. Trading was centered on tom drums, thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings. Offerings mixed but generally available.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65.25	65.25	65.250	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 DECEMBER 2002.

The domestic market continued seasonally slow on bulk parts and meat items with only limited inquiry and a steady at best undertone noted. However, interest and trading was noted on plant grade 4-8 lb. and institutional breasts for mostly January shipments. Export demand and trading was light to instances fair with premiums noted on January shipments of frozen thigh meat for Russia. Some spot strength was noted on tom 2-joint wings for export with some sellers asking higher price levels. Grade A and plant grade non basted 8-10 lb. breasts 92, plant non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 103, 12-14 lb. 98-103, 14-16 lb. 100-103, 16-18 lb. 100-108, breeder tails 14, hearts 26 cents delivered domestic and tom necks traded at 12.25 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	93.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		M	154.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	85.00-86.00		85.46	1,120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	36
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	20.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	21
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	123.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	140.23	130
THIGH MEAT		M	53.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	57.37	63
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		M	95.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	129.00	2
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	44.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.02	520

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.57	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	104
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-62.50		60.52	248

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/24/02 POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ACCUMULATED ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	603	198,454	198,754
2001-2002	0	210,586	210,886

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129